

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date : August 28, 2006

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 15: Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 06-33, authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for public access and interpretation of air, land, and water resources in the Ballona Wetlands portion of the Santa Monica Bay Watershed.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the following resolution amending Resolution No. 06-33, authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for public access and interpretation of air, land, and water resources in the Ballona Wetlands portion of the Santa Monica Bay Watershed.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204(c) of Public Resources Code.

Background: On May 24th, 2006 the Conservancy authorized resolution No. 06-33, which approved a two-year grant in the amount of \$316,000 to the MRCA for a ranger program promoting safe public access and providing outdoor experiences and conservation education for children from urban areas that lack access to natural areas at the Ballona Wetlands. This grant supplements a patrol and restoration grant at the wetlands that has been given to the MRCA by the California Coastal Conservancy.

The grant approved on May 24 was from Proposition 50 funds. Upon further review staff has determined that Proposition 40 is a more appropriate funding source for this grant and is therefore proposing an amendment of the resolution to reflect this change in funding source. The scope of work and budget of the grant remains the same.